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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Woman Raped in Coburg Road Area**

At 4:52 a.m., Eugene Police officers responded to a rape in a field near the address of 140 Coburg Road (Emerald Lanes and Rife's Home Furnishings), north of Southwood Lane. The male attacker, approached a 18-year-old female who had been sleeping in the field and forcibly beat and sexually assaulted her.

The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s, 5'8" to 6' tall, 175 pounds, with short brown and possibly buzz cut hair, brown eyes, and scruffy goatee. He was last seen fleeing in with shorts or bottom garment and may have injuries and blood consistent with a struggle. Police conducted a search for the suspect and are following up with an active investigation.

### **General Personal Safety Tips**

- Use the buddy system when walking after dark. You should know the person you are walking with well enough to trust them.
- Walk in lighted areas as much as possible and don't walk too close to bushes, alleyways or other places where attackers can conceal themselves
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times
- Walk confidently and don't avoid eye contact
- Don't let strangers into your 'space.' Keep plenty of distance between yourself and people you don't wish to approach you.
- Don't stop to talk with strangers asking for directions or other types of help as this can be a ploy to get close for an attack.
- If you feel you are in danger or being followed, call 9-1-1
- If grabbed, fight back and make as much noise as possible.
- Do not get into someone's car even if they display a weapon. It is better to fight back in the street where help is closer at hand and other people may hear your calls for help. ###

